

Response and Amendment
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REMARKS

Claim 47 has been amended for clarity. New claims 53 – 57 have been presented claiming the invention alternatively embodied in an Ethernet switch assembly, as a power data combiner and as a method. No new matter has been added. Payment for the two independent claims in excess of 3 has been attached. Support for these amendments can be found in the originally filed specification and in particular the section entitled Power/Data Combiner Unit. Claims 38 – 57 remain in the case.

DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION

Claims 38 – 52 stand rejected under judicially created double patenting. Applicant hereby attaches a timely filed terminal disclaimer overcoming the objection.

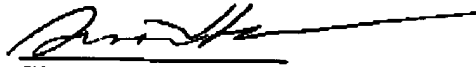
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, allowance of all pending claims (i.e., claims 38 - 57) is respectfully requested. The Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicant's undersigned agent by telephone if it would in any way aid in the advancement of this application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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